

THE WAR DAY BY DAY

Fifty Years Ago.

January 25, 1864—An attempt by a small band of Federal officers in Libby Prison to escape by a tunnel. The effort was frustrated by obstacles that neither labor nor ingenuity could overcome—Digging in Feat Air and Fick.

(Written expressly for The Herald.)

Fifty years ago today an attempt by a small band of Federal officers in Libby Prison to escape by a tunnel into a sewer was frustrated by obstacles that neither labor nor ingenuity could overcome.

Through a period of nearly six weeks the devoted band had worked at their tunnel, always at night, in foul air and filth. Spurred on to heroic exertions by the hope of liberty, they labored until their strength flagged and their bodies failed. All from the prison of the sewer stench that they breathed as they worked, they kept desperately on until at last they met the insuperable obstacle. A small sewer by which they sought to reach the large one was not large enough to admit the passage of a man's body, and was lined with heavy and hard oak planks that could only have been removed by digging from the surface.

The laborers performed by these men, and the cunning they displayed in escaping detection by their guards while the work went on, were remarkable. An indomitable will directed the labor, that of Col. Thomas E. Rose, of the Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, who, of all the officers in Libby Prison and at this period there were about 1,100—was the

placed the bricks in the back of the fireplace, and the two men were descended to the abandoned cellar.

They began their tunnel behind the cookroom. They intended to carry it under the east wall, and turning it toward the canal, drive it until it reached a large sewer through Canal street, from which at various times they had seen workmen emerge by a manhole.

After a few nights work they had driven a shaft several feet deep.

Only one man could work in the tunnel, while the other fanned air to him with his hat, and drew up the earth by a wooden spool, which had been purchased from the prison.

The labor proved so great, particularly to the man obliged to fan the air, that it was decided to take others into the secret. Thirteen men were chosen. The work was now divided into squads of five men, each five working one night and resting two.

The work had not progressed far on this basis when a slight obstacle was encountered—a row of heavy oak timbers, on which the foundation wall rested.

The diggers took turns in hacking at them with jackknives and sawing with a hand saw. It was awful work, for the air in the tunnel was so foul a candle would not burn in it, and in the damp and chill the men were sickening.

The leaders in the enterprise would not admit defeat, and after many nights of incredible toil the barrier of wet and hardened timber was pierced.

New trouble now came upon the dig-

JAPAN'S ACTION STIRS BIG NAVY ADVOCATES

Large Appropriation Used as Argument for Increasing Our Ship-building Program.

DANIELS FOR TWO VESSELS

The dispatches from Tokyo announcing that the Japanese Parliament has consented to an appropriation of \$30,000,000 for the navy for the next fiscal year almost at once being used as a strong argument in favor of increasing the United States building program for the year by two more battleships.

Secretary Daniels already has recommended the authorization of two more battleships, and the Board of the Navy is in favor of four for this year.

No immigration bill which would invalidate the present "gentlemen's agreement" by which Japanese emigration to the United States is restricted is likely to receive the approval of the administration. This became known yesterday.

The State Department is largely responsible for the acceptance in administration quarters of the belief that the present arrangement with Japan had best be left unaffected by new legislation with regard to the admission of aliens. The department is satisfied that this arrangement not only is satisfactory in its operation, but that it is the only method of restricting Japanese admissions which would not be offensive to Japan.

The Japanese national pride and the dignity of the Japanese government both are conserved by the existing agreement, inasmuch as it leaves the matter to the honor and good faith of Japan. That government exercises a most effective restrictive control on the number of Japanese coming to the United States by means of withholding passports from all but accepted classes, to whom admission the United States has no objection.

The arrangement has effectively kept the number of Japanese in the country almost stationary.

Secretary Wilson in his letter to the House Immigration Committee, has recommended that the Japanese arrangement be left undisturbed. The memorandum on the pending bill furnished to the House committee by the State Department likewise pointed out the desirability of making such a provision in any bill favorably considered.

UNIVERSITY CLUB DINNER.

The tenth annual dinner of the University Club will be held at the New Willard on Wednesday evening, February 4. The following appointments will be the Vice President and the Secretary of State.

The board of governors of the club has appointed Walter S. Penfield as chairman of the dinner committee, and he has made the following appointments: Vice chairman, John W. Clifton; secretary, Charles Ray Dean; treasurer, Arthur D. Call, and auditor, Frederick A. Fenning. The following are the members of the committee: Messrs. Charles Arthur Barnard, Dr. Scott D. Brechenridge, Evans Browne, Barry Bulkeley, A. Conti, Orville B. Brown, Frederick Elcheberg, Hugh J. Fagan, Newton S. Fox, Max Kaufman, Edwin Kimball, Dr. James G. McKay, Myron M. Parker, Jr., Francisco J. Peynado, William D. Searle, and A. Coulter Wells.

DR. KELLY SUDDENLY SAILS FOR EUROPE

Leaves No Intimation of Plans and Leaves Several Patients in Baltimore Hospital.

New York, Jan. 24.—Dr. Howard A. Kelly, the Baltimore surgeon who has attracted wide attention through his remarkable cures by radium treatment, today sailed on the steamship Minneapolis for Europe.

A wireless received here tonight from Dr. Kelly says that his trip has nothing to do with radium. In this message he said he was leaving on a business trip, and that he was going to Europe.

Dr. Kelly's departure has caused surprise among his patients, who knew that he was in Baltimore for a long time, and that he was going to Europe.

JOSEPH H. CHOATE IS 82.

Former Ambassador to England Suffering from Slight Cold.

New York, Jan. 24.—Joseph H. Choate, former Ambassador to England, celebrated his eighty-second birthday today.

A report that he was seriously ill caused friends to send messages of inquiry, but it was later learned that Mr. Choate was merely suffering from a slight cold. He intended taking an automobile ride during the day, but heavy rain caused him to remain indoors.

NO TANGO FOR VASSAR GIRLS.

Dancing Is Allowed.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Miss Mary S. Wagner, who conducts the Wagner Inn, a resort for Vassar girls, has introduced tango as a special feature of the establishment, but announces that Vassar students will be excluded from the tango because the new dances are not permitted at the college.

NO TANGO AT TORLONIA BALL.

Princess, Former New York Girl, Follows King Victor's Lead.

Rome, Jan. 24.—Princess Marina Torlonia, formerly Miss Elsie Moore, daughter of Charles A. Moore, of New York, is the first of the Roman society hostesses to announce compliance with King Victor's prohibition of the tango.

She announced publicly that the tango would be barred at a ball which she is giving tonight.

PICKING POOR FOR BELL HOPS.

Miss Anne Morgan's Tip Announced to Just Seventy-Five Cents.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 24.—Bell hops, porters, and other employees of the hotel that served Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, checked up today and found that during her six-hour stay she distributed 75 cents in tips.

Miss Morgan is one of the leading members of the society for the prevention of useless giving.

FIRE WRECKS MACHINE PLANT.

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 24.—Fire, resulting from a spontaneous combustion in the paint shop of the Gem City Machine Company's plant, early today caused a loss of \$100,000.

MENDEL BEILISS ILL ON WAY TO PALESTINE

Man Freed of "Ritual Murder" Charge Has Made Plans to Take Up Farming.

LIFE IN DANGER IN RUSSIA

London, Jan. 24.—Mendel Beiliss, just freed in Russia at the sensational trial for "ritual murder," has fallen ill on his way to Palestine, where he will take up farming.

It was expected that Beiliss eventually would settle in the United States, and this was his own desire, but he was overruled by sincere advisers of his own religious faith, who thought that Palestine was the better place. Beiliss' farewell letter, which is dated Kiev, January 8, is as follows:

"When my trial was over I thought that after two and a half years in prison I should become, by virtue of my acquittal, at least as free a man as anybody else, but this is not so. Until today I could not appear in the streets or anywhere in public without my life being placed in danger. This is the firm opinion not only of my relatives, but of certain authorities who have not hesitated to tell me the truth.

"Those people who were anxious to promote my trial on a charge of ritual murder cannot rest even after my acquittal. They continue in their terrible persecution of the Christian boy Yushinsky was tortured by Jews, and they stir up such conditions that the lives of Jews in general, and my life in particular, are continually in danger.

"Such a life, of course, is impossible, and I am obliged to leave Russia and my friends and relatives for a place where a Jew can live freely, as every human being should live.

"On the eve of leaving my country I think it is my duty to declare that if my presence should be necessary for tracing the real murderers of the Yushinsky boy I am always ready to come back to Russia to live all the aid in my limited power. For I know nothing at all of the case, except that I was arrested for the crime, tried, and acquitted.

"If I do not go away to hide myself, my relatives always will be known to my relatives at Kiev. I am writing this letter, not for the purpose of causing a sensation, but simply in the consciousness that I am fulfilling my duty.

"As a proof of the sincerity of my words, I take pains to add that I have refused the most tempting financial offers made by American managers and impresarios to appear in public and relate my terrible experiences from the platform. MENDEL BEILISS."

AGED TWIN IS ILL

Brother, Ninety-Five, Stays at His Bedside.

New York, Jan. 24.—Samuel Muncey, one of the ninety-five-year-old twins of Babylon, Long Island, is seriously ill. His brother William is a daily visitor at his bedside. They have been almost inseparable throughout their lives.

A heart attack last Wednesday compelled Samuel to take to his bed. On Thursday he assembled his family around him and conducted an old-fashioned prayer meeting. He led in the singing and in prayer.

FIRST INHALES GAS, THEN SEEKS DEATH IN BATHTUB

Despondent Over Husband's Absence, Woman Makes Two Futile Attempts at Life.

Despondent because of the absence of her husband, Mrs. Louise Cunkle, thirty-two years old, made two attempts at her life last night, first by inhaling gas, then by trying to drown herself in a bathtub at the Capitol Hotel, Third street and Pennsylvania avenue, where she makes her home. She is at Casualty Hospital suffering from the effects of her suicidal attempts, but will recover.

Early this morning guests at the hotel smelled gas and traced the odor to Mrs. Cunkle's room. She had turned on the gas jet and was lying in the bed awaiting death. She had inhaled only a small quantity when her plan was frustrated.

Shortly after she had been quieted and those who had interfered with her first attempt, had left, she noticed water flushing from under the door of a bathroom and flooding the entire floor. They found the despondent woman in the bathtub, engaged in a desperate attempt to keep her head under water. She was then conveyed to the hospital. According to her own story, Mrs. Cunkle's husband, who is a traveling man, has been out of the city for several months and grief over his absence caused her despondency.

RAID GUNMEN'S "HANG-OUTS."

New York Police Descend Upon Unsuspecting Outlaws.

New York, Jan. 24.—In one of the most successful raids made in the city in a long time, Police Commissioner McKay's own staff invaded the East Side tonight in a further effort to rid the city of gunmen. Numerous cafes and dance halls, where the gangsters and their women companions congregated, were visited. Scores of suspected gunmen were searched for revolvers and as a result of the first half hour's work the police arrested six men on the charge of violating the Sullivan law.

The detectives said they expected to arrest about sixty before their night's work was over.

TO TANGO IN STATE HOUSE.

Experts Hired by Assemblyman to Aid His Bill.

Boston, Jan. 24.—The bunny hug, the grizzly, the chicken flop, the Argentine, and of course, the tango, are going to be danced in the state house by expert young men and women in masks—for the information of the committee on social welfare.

Representative Lewis R. Sullivan made the announcement tonight. He would not give the names of the dancers. "They call my bill the 'anti-tango' bill," said the Representative, "but this is only phony correct. It is aimed at the prohibition of all immoral dances. If a dance is not immoral, this bill will not interfere with it."

IRISH TROOPS HELD READY.

England Takes Sudden and Mysterious Precautions.

London, Jan. 24.—It is reported here tonight that the government has ordered officers with Irish commands to hold themselves in readiness to mobilize their troops within twenty-four hours.

The orders were forwarded yesterday and are marked "Secret."

It is asserted that secret agents of the government have obtained information which made a precautionary measure necessary.

John T. Baylies, ninety-one, of Boston, boasts that he has smoked a pipe since he was twenty-one.

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PEACE CONFERENCE FOR MEXICO PLANNED

Don Emeterio de la Garza, Jr., Making Arrangements for Meeting in St. Louis.

MR. WILSON GIVES APPROVAL

Ablene, Tex., Jan. 24.—Don Emeterio de la Garza, Jr., personal representative and secretary of the peace conference, Mr. Gen. Carranza, Gen. Zapata and twenty-two governors of states of Mexico is at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, formulating his plans for a peace conference of all the states and territories, and all the interests of Mexico, both civil and military, to be held at the Coliseum in St. Louis next July.

Mr. de la Garza has appointed Morris R. Locke, of Ablene, general director and secretary of the peace conference. Mr. Locke is a friend of twenty-five years' standing of the De la Garzas, Trevinos, De Gozals, Macedos, Solares, Diaz, and other liberal Mexicans. Mr. Locke expects to go to St. Louis and meet his chief there.

Mr. de la Garza was born in Monterey, Mexico, forty years ago. He was graduated with the highest honors at Cornell University, after which he was associated with his distinguished father, both at Monterey and the City of Mexico, in the practice of law, representing many large interests. Mr. de la Garza, Sr., was a member of the Supreme Court, and his chief justice. He was an aid de camp of Gen. Geronimo Trevino under President Juarez, Lerdo, and Diaz. He helped to drive the Austrians and French out of Mexico in 1865.

Few persons have a more interesting personality than the younger De la Garza.

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HELD GUILTY OF USURY.

Cousin of Mrs. Wilson Appeals from Verdict.

Rome, Ga., Jan. 24.—Nat C. Hoyt, a money lender, first cousin of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President of the United States, has been found guilty of usury in the criminal division of the Superior Court here.

Hoyt is prominent in social and business circles. His case was contested bitterly and the verdict was appealed.

Arlington "Talks" with Honolulu.

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